Great NEWS from

IRELAND;

An Account of the

Kings Royal Camp,

Before the

City of Limmerick,

And of a Late

Defeat of the Enemy There:

With a particular Relation of the Cruelty of *Tyrconnel's* Severity to the Bishop of *Limmerick*; And the Actions of the *French* at *Galloway*.

20. Aug. 1690.

SIR,

THis City has been filled for these several Days past, with great numbers of our Country-men, that are come from *London* in their way home, most of which are bound for *Dublin*, and parts adjacent; where we understand all things are brought into a fine way of Settlement, both in Matters Ecclesiastical, as well as Civil; and His Majesty in the several Counties through which he has past, hath settled the Cities, Burroughs, and Corporations upon their Old Establishment, and likewise the High Sherriffs, and the Militia, or Train'd Bands. His Majesty has been Attended, and Addressed by the Reverend Bishops and Clergy of the several Dioceses He has past through, and also by several *Nonconforming* Ministers. My good Old Bishop of *Limerick* has suffered a great loss at his House at *Limerick*; for the Countess of *Tyrconnel*, just before her going to *France*, procured some Armed Force of the Garrison, with whom she entred the Bishops House, (which was very well Furnished with all sorts of Houshold-Goods, *&c.*) and took from thence what she thought fit; telling my Lord, That if he pleas'd he might repleniſh himself out of what she had left in her House in *Dublin*; and so she rubb'd off with her Son to *Paris*.

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The great Failure of the *Lough*; or that part of the River that lies near the City of *Limerick*, is very remarkable, and a thing which has not been known before, I am ſure, in my time, in the moſt dryeſt Summer, to become Fordable; which we hear is now in two or three places; which gives us a great Inſtance to ſhew how Almighty God is pleaſed to ſay *Amen* to His Majeſty's moſt Juſt and Righteous Undertakings, by Facilitating the Reduction of the Rebels in this Kingdom, with ſo little loſs of *Chriſtian* Blood: And in Order for the continuance of the Bleſſing of Almighty God on His Maieſty, Army, and good Subjects of *Ireland*, there is a Solemn Faſt kept very Religiouſly every *Friday*, both in the Royal Camp, and in the ſeveral Cities and Towns in *Ireland*, that are in Their Majeſties Poſſeſſion.

It's the Opinion of many Gentlemen here, That we ſhall have a Parliament, called in *Ireland*, before we have any *Term*; the Wind being at preſent contrary, we have nothing here very new from His Majeſties Camp, tho we do not in the leaſt doubt, but that the firſt Pacquet that arrives will bring us the Confirmation of the Surrender of *Lymerick*. Our laſt left the Royal Army, Encamped very near *Lymerick*: The King's Head Quarters, being within half a Mile of the City; that upon part of our Army's approach very near the City, the Enemy made a Sally, with the chief Strength of the Garriſon; but were ſoon beaten in again, and in their Retreat to the Town, a great part of them were cut off; that the *Iriſh* Army which not long ſince made a conſiderable Body of Twenty Five Thouſand Men, were now dwindled to a very inconſiderable Number, and they retired (upon the Approach of Our Army) farther into the Countrey; great Numbers of all ſorts having quitted them ſome time before, who were retired over the Bogs to the Mountains and Caves, their Old Lurking-holes.

You ſeem to wonder at the *French* quitting of the City of *Lymerick*; it is, as you writ, the ſtrongeſt place in *Ireland*, ſtronger than that of *Gallway*, but the latter is ſituated far more Advantageous for the *French*, to get off to their own Countrey (which doubtleſs, if they are not already, they will be forc'd to it in a very little time.) The City of *Lymerick* is ſituated Threeſcore long Miles from the Sea; now *Gallway* is but Nine Miles: The Haven of the City of *Gallway* is the moſt conſiderable in the Province of *Connaught*, being a very great *Bay*, ſome Miles broad, and many more long, having in the Mouth Three Iſlands (called the Iſles of *Arran*) the which lie North and South, by the ſide of each other, there remaining the Channels for to come out of the Sea into this Bay. One Channel runneth betwixt the Land, and the Northern Iſle, and called therefore *North-Sound*. The Second, between the ſame Northern Iſle, and the Middlemoſt, which Channel being the moſt uſual of the Three, is commonly ſtiled St. *Gregories Sound*. And the Third, between the moſt Southermoſt Iſland, and the Main, named *South Sound*; in the uppermoſt part of the Bay, one may Anchor in Five or Six Fathoms of Water.

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